

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MARCH 1, 2016

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Makayla Herbert, Student Advisor, was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES: Berkemeier moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The Sheehan roast was well attended.
2. Met to discuss the Active Living Workshop.
3. Interviews were held for the new patrolman.
4. Met on the RFP's for the housing of 50 acres and what direction we might consider.
5. Monday we had a Stellar meeting regarding the application.
6. We had a City Center financing meeting on Monday.
7. The Stellar application is due March 11.
8. The St. Patrick's celebration is March 12th. The parade begins at 3:00; immediately following family and friends are welcome to come listen to music and socialize. Tickets are not needed; The actual event begins at 6:00 p.m. at the K of C.
9. The Active Living Workshop will be March 29th from 9:00-4:00 at Rush Memorial conference room.
10. Hoosiers program will be April 9. This will be the 90th anniversary of the gym, and the 30th anniversary of the movie "Hoosiers". Proceeds will go towards the Princess Theater.
11. Bowl for Kids is scheduled for April 17.
12. May 14th is the Mayor's 5k.
13. Sheehan said the survey for the Stellar were good. Results will be out soon. We were up from 2013 in every category. Sheehan said it gave us a good snapshot.
14. Pavey thanked Councilman Bridges for attending the Black History celebration.

15. The former “Cotton Alley” was removed due to the construction of the Farmer’s Market. We have requested to rededicate the bridge south on 3 in honor of Joe Cotton. Cotton is currently residing in California.
16. IACT sent out a survey for input regarding limiting road funding and what problems it might cause to communities. Pavey encouraged Council to voice their concerns.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – No update.
- **Marketing** – No update.
- **APC/BZA** - The City’s boards have met.
- **City Center** – We are in the financing stage. Sheehan said \$7,000.00 was raised at the roast for the renovation. St. Patrick’s has pledged \$10,000.00. Herdrich Petroleum has pledged \$25,000.00.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We are in the funding phase of the project.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Working on identifying locations.
- **ECDC** – There has been a comment that agricultural businesses were not welcome in the industrial park. This is not correct.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Jenkins handed out monthly and year-to-date reports.

Jenkins said he contacted Coonrod regarding the Medicaid reimbursement. He said it is taking approximately 18 months. Therefore, we should receive payment either in September or October. They are working on 2015 reimbursements.

He said the Judge gave Mohler until April 4 to get his property cleaned up. There will be compliance hearing on the 4th at 1:00 p.m.

Park – Park Director Gurley informed Council that the lockers have been removed at the pool. Vectren informed him that they will need to move the meter due to damage from the chemical fumes. He is trying to get assistance for a solution to the problem.

Gurley met with Cory Daly to begin steps on the trails master plan and safe routes to school. There will be a survey for parents to fill out.

He will be meeting with Keiser on Thursday to discuss the Master Plan.

Park programs: Gurley is working with Intat on the summer camp program. He is assisting in the Mayor's 5K. On April 19th there will be a Pinterest night in the park. The Active Living Workshop is March 29th. Gurley is working on programs such as "Food Truck Friday"; WIFI in the parks; and Peddle Car 500.

He also announced that he received a grant from the Community Foundation for \$450.00 for rubber mats for showers at the pool.

Street – Foreman Land said they are working on the City Center and filling potholes.

Police – Chief Tucker handed out monthly reports.

He informed Council that the Board of Works agreed to give Jordan Hoeing a conditional offer of employment for the patrolman position contingent upon PERF approval.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Attorney Contract** – This is in rough draft form and will be given to Newhouse for review.
2. **Petition for Annexation Ordinance 2016-7 Annexation (Parcel #70-07-31-179-002.000-010)** – This was approved on first reading at the prior meeting. The next reading will be March 15.
3. **Resolution 2016-5 – Declaratory Resolution Designating an Area as an Economic Development Area and Adopting the Plan** – This will be acted upon at the first meeting in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Cheryl Miller "Breaking the Gray"** – Councilman Bridges introduced Cheryl Miller and Thomas Noll. Noll stated that the program had a good impact on the students.

Miller thanked the City for their support. She said there were more than 500 in attendance including kids from other communities. She said it was great to see how the community came together.

2. **Resolution 2016-7 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-7. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Resolution 2016-8 EDA Regional Contribution EIRPC** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-8. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Permitting Fee – Campaign Flats** – Eric Frye asked Council to consider waiving the building permit fee for Campaign Flats. Smith moved to waive the building permit fee. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **RCHS Sign Request – Dog’s on Softball Field** – Mayor Pavey said he received a request to place a sign, “No Dogs Allowed on Softball Field”. Council agreed that this should be allowable. Conner suggested that they be placed at all the ball diamonds. It was also suggested that the school pay for the sign.
6. **Wallick Communities Signage** – The Wallick Community requested a change in verbiage of a sign. They are a retirement community and are located in the rear of Aspen Drive. The sign currently says “Dead End”. They would like to see something more considerate such as “Stop No Outlet”. Council asked Mayor Pavey to discuss this with the Wallick Community further and come up with appropriate language.

CLAIMS – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – Shelly Wakefield commended Council for waiving the permit fee for the community center. She also cautioned that they are setting a precedence.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.